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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Hiroshi KONUMA, Koro SHIRANE, Ryuji MONDEN, Atsushi SAKAI, Yuji FURUTA, Katsuhiko YAMAZAKI, Hideki OHATA, Yoshiaki IKENOUE and Toru SAWAGUCHI  
SOLID ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITOR AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME  
Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.  
Our Ref: Q65872

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/233,451 (Confirmation No. not yet assigned) filed January 20, 1999 of Hiroshi KONUMA, Koro SHIRANE, Ryuji MONDEN, Atsushi SAKAI, Yuji FURUTA, Katsuhiko YAMAZAKI, Hideki OHATA, Yoshiaki IKENOUE and Toru SAWAGUCHI entitled SOLID ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITOR AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 4 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a copy of the Assignment, an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1751.

A Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith.

Priority is claimed from March 19, 1998 and April 22, 1998, based on JP Application Nos. JP 10-70908, and JP 10-112552, respectively. The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/233,451.

Benefit is claimed from Provisional Applications 60/106,967, 60/106,968 and 60/106,969 filed on November 4, 1998.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>10</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$80.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									\$270.00
Base Fee									\$710.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>									<b><u>\$980.00</u></b>

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Please authorize the statutory fee of \$980.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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